



General Assembly

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LCO No. 1048



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGETS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-392 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

3 (a) All municipalities and all local boards of education shall have all  
4 their financial statements audited at least once annually and shall  
5 provide for audits in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-230  
6 to 4-236, inclusive. Each audited agency, except a local housing  
7 authority, shall have all its accounts audited at least once annually.  
8 Such audit shall be made by an independent auditor, as defined in  
9 section 7-391, who shall be designated in accordance with the  
10 provisions of section 7-396. Any independent auditor so retained to  
11 render such an annual or biennial audit shall have his duties and  
12 powers defined by said secretary. Any audit rendered under the  
13 provisions of this chapter shall be performed in accordance with  
14 standards adopted by the secretary by regulation and approved by the  
15 Auditors of Public Accounts.

16 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
17 if the charter in any municipality contains provisions applicable with  
18 respect to selection of an independent auditor for purposes of such  
19 audit, such selection shall be conducted in accordance with the charter,  
20 provided such selection shall be subject to approval by the Secretary of  
21 the Office of Policy and Management.

22 (c) [In conjunction with each audit of its financial statements, each  
23 town shall provide for the auditing of the financial statements of each  
24 school district operating within its boundaries. In the case of a regional  
25 school district, the] A regional board of education shall provide for  
26 [such] an audit of each school district operating within its boundaries.  
27 Such audit shall be made in accordance with the provisions of  
28 subsection (a) of this section.

29 (d) The Commissioner of Housing shall provide for the auditing of  
30 the financial statements of each local housing authority at least once  
31 biennially. Such audit may be conducted by an independent auditor or  
32 by employees of the Department of Housing, as the commissioner may  
33 determine. The commissioner may charge any housing authority for  
34 the cost of any such audit of its accounts. Upon completion of any such  
35 audit, the commissioner shall file certified copies of the audit report  
36 with the chairman and the executive director of the housing authority,  
37 with the chief executive officer and the clerk of the municipality in  
38 which such housing authority is located and with the Secretary of the  
39 Office of Policy and Management.

40 (e) The treasurer or other officer having authority over the financial  
41 affairs of any reporting agency shall, annually, file a statement  
42 concerning the accounts and finances of such agency with the town  
43 clerk of the town in which such agency is located. Such statement shall  
44 include, but shall not be limited to, a listing of major disbursements  
45 and sources of receipts and shall be filed not later than ninety days  
46 after the end of the fiscal year or period which is the subject of the  
47 statement. Each treasurer or other officer who fails to file a statement

48 required pursuant to this subsection shall be fined five hundred  
49 dollars for each statement not filed. The fine shall be levied and  
50 collected by the town clerk.

51 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) Notwithstanding any provision  
52 of the general statutes or any special act, municipal charter, home rule  
53 ordinance or other ordinance, a town board of finance established  
54 pursuant to section 7-340 of the general statutes may increase, decrease  
55 or eliminate any noneducational expense set forth in a proposed  
56 budget by a local board of education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	7-392
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To enhance oversight and transparency of local and regional board of education budgets.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*